

Amendments to the Claims

These claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (currently amended) An apparatus for decoding a stream of data, comprising:

a decoder for decrypting data from the stream using a control word; and

a secure device, coupled to the decoder, for providing the control word, the secure device including a memory unit for storing at least two items of entitlement information and an execution unit arranged to respond to an input message by selecting ~~one of an item from the at least two~~ items based on a content of the input message, the execution unit enabling the control word to be sent to the decoder after decrypting the control word with a decryption key associated with the selected item.

2. (previously presented) The apparatus according to Claim 1, further comprising a detector, coupled to the secure device, for determining a source of the stream of data and for controlling information in the input message that specifies the source .

3. (previously presented) The apparatus according to Claim 1, further comprising a detector arranged to detect whether the stream is a partial stream selected from a larger stream, the detector controlling the content of the input message based on whether the stream is detected to be a partial stream or not respectively, wherein the execution unit selects a first item and a second item selected from the at least two items based on whether the stream is detected to be the partial stream or not respectively.

4. (previously presented) The apparatus according to Claim 3, wherein the detector is arranged to detect whether the stream is the partial stream dependent on the presence of a section in the stream that contains a table that describes the selection of the partial stream, the detector supplying encrypted control word information retrieved from said table to the secure device for supplying the control word to the decoder in case of the partial stream, the detector supplying the encrypted control word information retrieved from a dedicated conditional access table from the stream in case of a complete stream.

5. (canceled)

6. (currently amended) ~~As~~ The apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein the secure device includes an additional memory unit for storing acceptance information, the execution unit being arranged to execute first commands for updating the items of entitlement information and second commands for updating the acceptance information, the execution unit carrying out updates of the items in response to the first commands only if the first commands contain validation information that matches the acceptance information stored in the additional memory unit .

7. (previously presented) A method of decoding a stream of data, comprising:

decrypted data from the stream using a control word;

supplying the control word by a secure device, the secure device being enabled by an item selected from at least two items of entitlement information that are stored in the secure device; and

sending a message to the secure device to enable the control word to be sent to the decoder based on the selected item, the control word being decrypted with a decryption key associated with the selected item that is specified by the message.